

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

12. (Original) A window assembly for a vehicle having a window opening with a recessed periphery formed in a sidewall of the vehicle, the assembly comprising:

at least one frame member having a first leg member mounted within the window opening of the vehicle, the at least one frame member having a second leg member with a plurality of apertures formed there through;

a piece of glazing having an inner surface that is positioned, at least in part, adjacent the recessed periphery of the window opening such that an outer surface of the glazing substantially aligns with the outer surface of the sidewall; and

at least one retainer having a mounting surface attached to at least a portion of the inner surface of the piece of glazing and a plurality of protrusions that extend through the plurality of apertures when the piece of glazing is positioned adjacent to the recessed periphery and are detachably engaged to a plurality of fasteners so as to secure the at least one retainer to the at least one frame member thereby securing the piece of glazing to the window opening in a manner such that the piece of glazing can be removed by disengaging the fasteners from the protrusions and reattached by re-engaging the fasteners to the protrusions when the protrusions are re-extended through the plurality of apertures.

13. (Original) The assembly of Claim 12, wherein the retainer further comprises an extending member that distally extends from the mounting surface of the retainer so as to define a slotted region between the member and around at least a portion of the perimeter of the piece of glazing.

14. (Original) The assembly of Claim 13, wherein the window assembly further comprises a protective panel that is positioned adjacent the inner surface of the piece of glazing and secured by the slotted region defined by the extending member of the retainer.

15. (Original) The assembly of Claim 14, wherein the retainer further comprises at least one locking member that is attached to the extending member and, when actuated, the locking member further secures the protective panel in the slotted region.

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16. (Original) The assembly of Claim 12, wherein the at least one retainer comprises a plurality of retainers adhesively attached to the outer periphery of the piece of glazing, wherein each of the retainers comprises at least one protrusion.

17. (Original) The assembly of Claim 16, wherein the at least one frame member comprises a plurality of frame members, wherein each of the frame members comprise a first leg member mounted within the window opening of the vehicle and a second leg member having at least one aperture that is positioned to interconnect with the at least one protrusion of the retainer when the protrusion is extended through the at least one aperture.

18. (Original) The assembly of Claim 12, wherein the assembly further comprises a sealing gasket that is positioned between the piece of glazing and the recessed periphery of the window opening.

Claims 19-41 (Canceled).